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SUBJECT: ROKG RESPONSE TO JAWORSKI ON KIM DONG-JO ISSUE

REF: SEOUL 5092

1. EARLY EVENING JUNE 15, ROK EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR PARK INFORMED US THAT INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL FOR RESPONSE TO JAWORSKI HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED HERE AFTER COMMUNICATIONS DELAY. ROK EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED PETER WHITE AND IS ATTEMPTING TO SET UP MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK AND ETHICS COMMITTEE SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI FOR FRIDAY PRIOR TO PARK KUN-WOO'S DEPARTURE SATURDAY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN SEOUL.

2. ACCORDING TO PARK, ROKG IS ESSENTIALLY ACCEPTING JAWORSKI PROPOSAL, BUT IS SEEKING GREATER SPECIFICITY AND

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IS REQUESTING FOLLOWING FOUR ASPECTS TO THE SCENARIO:

A. LIST OF QUESTIONS TO BE TRANSMITTED VIA THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OVER THE SIGNATURE EITHER OF SPEAKER SPEAKER O'NEILL OR ETHICS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FLYNT.

B. FULL SET OF QUESTIONS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE OUTSET.

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PROCESS NOT TO BE BEGUN WITH SOME QUESTIONS, ONLY TO FIND ENTIRELY NEW AREAS OF INQUIRY ADDED LATER ON.

C. THE SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL DIALOGUE STAGE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK AND JAWORSKI ESSENTIALLY TO BE LIMITED TO CLARIFICATION AND FOLLOW-UP, BUT NOT FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW MATERIAL.

D. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE SET DOWN IN A WRITTEN MINUTE AGREED BETWEEN JAWORSKI AND EMBASSY IN ADVANCE OF TRANSMISSION OF THE QUESTIONS. SUCH AN AGREED MINUTE SHOULD CLEARLY STATE THAT THE PROCEDURE SPELLED OUT WILL TERMINATE COMMITTEE DEMANDS RELATED TO ROKG.

3. PARK STATED THAT ROKG WOULD WISH THAT SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS BE INCORPORATED INTO SAME OR SIMULTANEOUS PROCESS.

4. COMMENT: ON BASIS OF EARLIER CONTACT TODAY WITH PETER WHITE, WE ASSUME JAWORSKI WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FRIDAY FOR PROJECTED MEETING. WE WILL FACILITATE MEETING AS APPROPRIATE. CONSULTATIONS WITH JUSTICE (MICHEL) TODAY LED TO INDEPENDENT JUSTICE SUGGESTIONS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO CONDITIONS EMBASSY INFORMS US ROKG IS PROPOSING. JUSTICE WILL OF COURSE FEED ITS QUESTIONS INTO ANY SUCH PROCESS IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED.
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MICHEL AGREES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FULL QUESTIONNAIRE BE PROVIDED AT OUTSET AND THAT DEFINITIVE PROCEDURES BE AGREED UPON FOR A PROCESS WHICH WILL BE CLEARLY ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES IN ADVANCE AS BRINGING THIS EPISODE TO A CLOSE. CHRISTOPHER

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